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*Destruction of cattle and human beings by wild animals in South Kanara district.*

* 222 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to my question 1859 answered on 25th March 1929, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to place a statement before this House showing the number of cattle and human beings destroyed by wild animals in the South Kanara district from the year 1925 to 1928, and

(ii) to state

(*a*) what steps Government have till now taken or propose to take hereafter to decrease the ravages;

(*b*) the number of licences under the Arms Act that have been issued in those years;

(*c*) what facilities are provided for destroying wild animals; and

(*d*) what measures are taken to prevent their rush from the reserved forests into the open country?

*A.*—(i)—

| Year. | Number of persons reported to have been killed by wild animals. | Number of cattle killed by wild animals. |
|---|---|---|
| 1925 ... ... | 8 | 3,899 |
| 1926 ... ... | Nil. | 4,250 |
| 1927 ... ... | Nil. | 4,516 |
| 1928 ... ... | 3 | Figures not available. |

(ii) (*a*) The Government offer and grant rewards for the destruction of certain wild animals. The hon. Member's attention is invited to Board's Standing Order No. 196.

(*b*)—

| Year. | Total number of licences issued. | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In South Kanara. | | | | In the Madras Presidency. | | | |
| | Form of the licence. | | | | Form of the licence. | | | |
| | XVI | XVIII | XIX | XX | XVI | XVIII | XIX | XX |
| 1925 .. | 2,429 | 11 | 3,737 | 3 | 54,253 | 109 | 15,640 | 7 |
| 1926 .. | 2,556 | 8 | 4,054 | 7 | 54,373 | 109 | 16,368 | 12 |
| 1927 .. | 2,611 | 8 | 4,018 | 3 | 55,100 | 110 | 16,550 | 11 |
| 1928 .. | 2,639 | .. | 4,106 | 3 | 55,990 | 101 | 16,510 | 17 |

*Note.*—Figures for licences in Form XVII are not available.

(*c*) & (*d*) Government have issued orders that in South Kanara general permission may be given to villagers to hunt wild animals in reserved forests during the months of July to January. In the same district villagers are also allowed to clear the undergrowth in all reserves, adjoining cultivated lands, to a distance of 200 yards in coastal regions and half a mile in others.

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) of this question, may I enquire, Sir, what facility or aid Government will give to the villagers to penetrate into the impenetrable forests for shooting wild animals ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The villagers must clear a way for themselves, if necessary."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Of what use is a gun licence if the holders cannot enter the forests at all ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" This concession has been given as an experiment and, if the experiment fails, the concession will be withdrawn."

## Education

*Number of elementary schools inspected in each district and the amount of travelling allowance drawn by inspecting officers.*

* 223 *Q*.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing districtwar the number of elementary schools inspected and the amount of travelling allowance drawn by the various District Educational Officers of the province in each of the years 1927–28 and 1928–29 ?

*A*.—The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by collecting the information which would involve considerable labour.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask if it is difficult to collect information regarding the travelling allowance drawn by the inspecting officers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe so."

*Fee concessions and scholarships to Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras.*

* 224 *Q*.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the recent budget debate on a cut motion by Mr. D. Thomas in the Legislative Council (L.C.P. XLVIII, page 769) regarding fee concessions and scholarships to Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the House a statement of the various orders passed during the last five years as to the rights of Indian Christian Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras to scholarships and concessions in regard to school fees which are allowed to Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras in general both before and after that debate ; and

(ii) to state, with reference to the remarks in his speech in conclusion of the abovementioned debate, whether any and what special scholarships and concession fees are granted to Indian Christians as a body ?

*A*.—Copies of the following Government Orders are placed on the table of the House [a]—

G.O. No. 855, Education, dated 19th May 1925,
,, 117, Law (General), dated 12th January 1926,
,, 1705, Education, dated 5th September 1927, and
,, 1015, Education, dated 10th May 1929.

No special concessions are admissible to Indian Christians as a body as they form one of the most educationally advanced communities.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 572–574 infra.